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ST. LOUIS.

Local Lode of Interest—Mariage of One of St. Louis' Prominent Business Men.

Business is improving somewhat in the city. We had a little fire scare the fore part of the week, but it was extinguished before the department arrived. The barn of Samuel Vioet, of Pine River, burned last Saturday night, with all its contents. The contents were owned by Caleb Lee, which will be a total loss to him, as he had no insurance. The barn was insured for \$150. Protracted meetings are in progress at the M. E. church, Rev. Geo. Killeen, of Ithaca, assisting. Samuel Seitzer, of Ithaca, assisting. The firm of Seitzer Bros., was married last Monday, to Miss Ray Levy, of Cincinnati, a daughter of her parents in that city. They left for New York and Boston the same evening for a three weeks tour.

ITHACA.

Hub Hummings—Disastrous Fire.

Court is in session this week. Monday's election was a walkaway for the republican ticket. Everyone was elected from president to constable by large majorities. The seniors, otherwise the elderly ones of the Baptist church, held an amateur oratorical contest last Monday night, at the G. A. R. hall. The entertainment was well patronized and the performers won no little praise. Sunday morning, about three o'clock, when the wind was blowing the hardest, the clangor of the firebell brought every citizen out to learn the source of danger. The fire was found to be located at Althouse's stove mill, and, owing to the start it had before discovery, could not be controlled. By the hardest kind of work the fire department kept the stock and shed, filled with finished product, from going. The village owes a vote of thanks to the department. The plant was well insured, and, it is said, will be rebuilt.

(Intended for last week)

LAFAYETTE.

Business Changes—Farm and Personal Notes.

Engene Becker has sold his stock of goods. Wm. Benson has commenced hewing the timber for the new barn he is to build this spring for a A. Woolfiver. T. Wilcox has tried farming all his life. He now has a sifter job selling a patent wire fence. If he does not meet with success it will not be because he does not try. O. H. Tenney has bought about thirteen hundred cords of basswood bolts for Peterman & Co. of Breckenridge. Quite a number of farmers have taken advantage of the last cold snap, to put in a good supply of ice. Low says he will be a strict attendance at Sunday school this summer. That present last Christmas evening, he says, just caught him. "The snow the beautiful snow" has left us and in its place we have plenty of mud. Wheat is looking green and nice and the few warm days helping to dry the ground.

ASHLEY.

Village Election—Officers Elected—Whoopingcough—Personalities

Village election last Monday night. There were three tickets. The People's, Union and Labor Union ticket elected. Pres. J. F. Bush; Clerk, L. Fuller; Treas., B. Garrett; Constable, W. Wolverson; Trustees, L. Hutchinson, W. Bird and C. C. Beck; Street Commissioner, Myron Mills. Now I suppose there will be a new order of things. We at least hope that something will be done to keep young folks off the streets, carousing around until midnight and after. A nice little girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Chittenden, March 10th. Two very unpleasant lawsuits last week. Julius Kirby spent most of last week here doing legal business. We hear that we are to have another doctor and a new drug store. Station agent, Glassford, has resigned his position, to take effect as soon as the new one arrives. We have not heard who he might be. There are still a few cases of whoopingcough here.

PERRINTON.

Charter Election—School Matters—Visitors Here and There.

Pretty good time to vote on the improvement of highways. I think they can be bettered. The teachers' examination at this place was well attended considering the bad roads. The high school scholars had an entertainment last Friday evening which gave universal satisfaction. The little darkey waiter, Willie Torney, was pronounced well taken, and the entertainment was a success in every particular. Net proceeds, \$10, which goes to the library fund. The village election went off quietly. There were two tickets, the union and the people's. F. E. Durfee, president, J. L. Richard, clerk, Virgil Bovee, treasurer, A. B. Batchelor, trustee, and F. O. Bennett, constable, were on both tickets. The ticket elected stands seven republicans and two democrats. No party lines were drawn. Mrs. F. E. Durfee has gone to Howell on a short visit. R. S. Baker starts for Chicago this Tuesday. Good bye, Roy; be a good boy.

S. E. CRYSTAL.

Bad Roads—Personal Mention—Those Chicken Thieves Should Suffer.

The weather is fine although the roads are in bad condition. Jay Evans had the misfortune to cut his foot quite badly. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charley Ingerson, a five pound boy. Segar making is the order of the day. The whoopingcough

is still raging in this vicinity. George Metcalf and wife, of Bloomer Center, spent last Sunday with with Thos. Shinnabarger.

Henry Smith has gone home to work on the farm this summer. Wat. Myers went to Maple Rapids last Saturday, to see his sister, and will go from there to Fowler.

Mr. Densmore has moved on Mr. Evans' place, on the county line.

Grand-ma Miller has gone to Edmore to visit her son, Gus Miller.

John B. Taylor has been suffering with the pleurisy.

Geo. Metcalf had a fine three-year-old colt lose one of its eyes, by feeding in the dark, the pitchfork time entering its eye.

Jay Rosencrans, of North Shade, has moved over into this county on Jack Whites' farm.

Henry Hively has taken his sick horse home.

The mother of Mrs. Mase was brought home from the northern asylum, where she has been an inmate for a good many years. Her remains were laid away at Bloomer Center.

Still thieves are among us and of the lowest type. Uncle Westover is an old man, was 78 the 10th of March, and his wife is 68, and they have nothing to depend on but their chickens. Sunday night of the 4th, some contemptible thief came and pried the roof up and took 22 of their hens, only leaving 15. I would just say to the thief, if you are not caught here, may your poor hungry souls rest in hades on a red hot hen's feather bed.

On Friday night, 9th, the contemptible thieves (for there are four men's, and they say, a woman's track too) broke in to Mr. Clifford's summer kitchen and stole 60 pounds of flour and all his pork, and a roll of butter. Now, Mr. thief, if you will steal and are bound to steal, why don't you go where they are able to lose and not pick out poor old people?

BRECKENRIDGE.

Social Matters—Protracted Meetings—Maple Sugar Making.

The social which was given by the school was very well attended considering the roads. About \$7.50 was taken in. Mrs. Terry has returned from Oakland county, where she has been visiting relatives for some time. Mrs. Conklin is very sick. Mr. Foote closed his meetings at Wheeler Friday night. They have been very successful, getting fifteen converts. Mr. Tubbs' folks left for their new home in Oklahoma Friday. They have the most sincere wishes of their many friends that they may like their new home, and that the change of climate may do much toward improving the health of Mr. Tubbs. Several of the folks from our town went to the social at Wheeler Saturday night. "Grand ma" Watson's health is no better. Mr. Horace Skinner is in town visiting his mother, Mrs. Street. Maple sugar is the order of the day now. Darwin Howd and others are improving this fine weather making maple sugar. The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. church met at Mrs. J. Wood's for dinner Wednesday.

GREENY & CO.

RIVERDALE.

Personal Mention—Wind Work—A Free Trade Freak.

Julius Moblo, who has worked for his brother for the past year, is now out of a job. His place has been filled by Bradleys' foreman, Mr. Walter B. Noyes Jr. There was a social given at Kirwins' hall Tuesday evening, by the Ladies Aid Society. They did considerable of advertising, by a drawing made by Dr. Morey. Our town was badly shaken by Saturday night winds. The sky was made bright by the burning of Bradley's mill. If one should visit J. Adam's store, he would at once think of a country inn. Around the store sits many men listening to John's foolish ideas, in regard to "Free Trade." It makes a common sense man sick to hear such nonsense come from a man supposed to know what he is talking about. Miss Edna Sanders spent Sunday with her parents. Carl Lathrop, of St. Louis, spent Saturday with his brother Miles. Samuel Shores, who has been in the meat business for the past four months, has sold out. He now spends his time breaking colts and buggies. Levi Honck lost his house by fire last week. He saved all his furniture.

NEW HAVEN.

The Harbingers of Spring Appear—School, Personal and Other Comments.

Frogs, snakes, bluebirds and robins have made their appearance. Herbert and Will Wells went to the north part of Clare county on a hunting expedition last November. They found work in that county, and just returned home the 7th. Dudley Wood of Butternut spent last week with his New Haven friends. Lawrence lies is at home with his grand-parents again. The Wermuth school will give an entertainment on the evening of the 26th inst., assisted by their teacher, Godfrey Crouse. Razor and Shepherd cleaned their mill yard Monday. They will move two miles west of old Pompeii, where they have a small job. Mrs. W. S. Everest has returned home. She has been absent for seven weeks on a visiting tour at Pompeii, Middleton and Butternut. Mr. Boulinger of Ohio is visiting with his sister, Mrs. Geo. Duerr. Mr. B. will teach the spring term in district No. 6. Will Davis will move into the Orr house this week. Archie Griffin will give a party in honor of his birthday Wednesday night. Owing to hard times it will be well for all invited to attend, as Arch says he is going to have something good to eat.

A goodly number of the relatives of Mrs. John Hamilton surprised her on Sunday, her birthday. Roy Hurd spent Sunday with his uncle, W. J. Everest. Mrs. Edith Wilos and son are around again. No other cases of diphtheria are reported. The wind storm on Saturday night made sad havoc with fences and timber in this town.

ELWELL.

Personal Matters—The Doggerel Does Duty.

Mr. Sloughback, of Ohio, left, one day last week, to parts unknown. Mr. Miller, from or near Saginaw, was in town one day last week, for the purpose of renting a blacksmith shop. The situation did not suit, so he returned without renting. The wind storm last Saturday evening, did a good deal of harm in town, blowing off one or two sections of the picture gallery, and demolishing Millers windmill pump and doing other damage around here. A is for Alto, that goes very slow when Howell says yes, she says no. B is for Bert who would like to come in, but is afraid to do anything but grin. C is for Chestnut, the man without spunk, is afraid to ask for fear of a slunk. D is for David, the servant of Phelps—is ditching away for all of the whelps. E is for Edward, that plays the flute, you can always tell him by the looks of his snoot. F is for Fredrick the weed that is great, would like to go north to see Workman's Kate. G is for George, the Batchelor—lost his holt on Mullen, and goes round north looking very sullen. H is for Herman the hunter in town; he is good to hold all the benches down. I is for Isaac, that knows so much law, and wants to be the doctor's son-in-law. J is for John, the Belding man's miller—goes up north to see Miss Wilber. K is for Kie, the man that is tanned—wears red socks when ever he can. L is for Lily, prettiest girl in town—makes quite a flirt when Grant comes down. M is for Mart that likes the hunter best, but once in while he goes up west.

CLARENCE.

Mill News—The Girl He Left Behind Him—A Political Canvass.

Improving this nice weather, running the shingle mill to its fullest capacity. Getting ready to start the sawmill. Listening to the sweet melodies of the robin and the bluebird. One of our number, Wood by surname, not content at camp, went away to see a young lady not so very far from here, just as some other young men do, you know. It was rather late when he bade the fair damsel good night and started to retrace his steps with buoyant spirits and loving thoughts of "the girl I left behind me." Proceeding quietly on his way, he suddenly stooped so low that his hands went plowing under the mud, while his heels went up, propelled by some hay wire that seemed to be across the path. And there were several of these contraptions strung across that path, and at last, after wandering about seeking a way out, which the darkness prevented, he was glad to return and finish the night under the same roof-tree he had so lately left. Of course no one there knew anything about that wire, and to this day it remaineth a mystery to Irving. The boys better stay away from camp or go there and return by daylight. Several of our boys went over to Greenwood, a few miles east of here, a few days ago to see an A. P. A. organized; and our telegraph operator went in the same direction Sunday afternoon to get his fill of warm sugar, so he said. Crows, hawks, robins and bluebirds are here, and the snow and ice all gone but a very little in the big cedar swamp. Then, there is another one of the boys, Chrysler, sometimes called David. Although he is not a married man, he has begun to aid in the support of a family, and we admire his liberality, for it isn't every young man that takes along a sack of flour, even under such circumstances. Success to you, David, and may the widow's smiles all be yours, as part pay for your kind acts. A canvass of the voters of this city brought out twelve for Grover C. and twenty-one for McKinley, and we predict that after another year like the past three twelve will be hard to find, though, as one democrat expressed it, "they (the democrats) will go right back to the trough like a lot of hogs." Rufus Utley and wife, from Ithaca, have arrived. Mrs. Utley will assist in the boarding house. Several new men are on deck.

Licensed to Wed.

Elmer A. Kleckner, 26, North Star; Minnie E. Stahl, 23, North Star.

Leslie Piekens, 29, St. Louis; Mattie Vliet, 22, St. Louis.

Wm. Ogden, 45, St. Louis; Nellie Gifford, 24, Wheeler.

Allen Grill, 26, North Shade; Bertha Sianker, 18, North Shade.

W. T. Whitney, 52, Mt. Pleasant; Fannie M. Case, 42, Alma.

Jasper E. Nevins, 23, Arcadia; Estella Bangs, 22, Arcadia.

John Heistren, 33, New Haven; Samantha Bigelow, 20, Pine River.

Geo. Peterson, 22, Perrinton; Ada Hale, 16, Perrinton.

Willis H. Daggett, 22, Washington; Nellie M. Shepherdston, 23, Elba.

Frank Powell, 26, Wheeler; Elsie Breemly, 21, Wheeler.

John F. Zigler, 31, Ohio; Alice Keiser, 24, Washington.

Probate Court.

Feb. 27. In the matter of the estate of Mary Ann Donstall, deceased; petition of Stephen J. Donstall filed, praying that the will of said deceased be admitted to probate, and that Stephen J. Donstall be appointed administrator thereof. Hearing April 2, 94.

Feb. 27. In the matter of the estate of Pearl Rayner, a minor; annual account of C. J. Rayner, guardian, rendered.

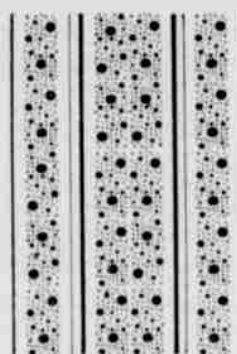
Feb. 27. In the matter of the estate of James Clark, deceased; petition of Francis Palmer, executor, filed, praying that he be granted a license to mortgage the real estate of said deceased. Hearing March 26, 1894.

March 5. In the matter of the estate of Sarah Parkinson, an alleged incompetent person; petition of Clara Fordyce filed, praying that a guardian be appointed of the person and estate of said alleged incompetent. Hearing March 26, 1894.

March 7. In the matter of the estate of Amelia Crouse, deceased; petition of Wellington Crouse filed, praying that he be licensed to sell certain of the real estate of said deceased. Hearing April 2, 1894.

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Ithaca Charter Election.

The winning ticket was republican by majorities ranging from 37 to 152. Frank H. Horr, president; Amos J. Ewen, William C. Beckwith, and Ransom J. Fraker, trustees; Adelbert P. Lane, clerk; James P. Gibbs, treasurer; Samuel J. Thoenen, street commissioner; Chester W. Martin, assessor; and John Watson, constable.

Teachers' Examinations.

Public examinations of teachers will be held as follows: Perrinton, Friday and Saturday, March 9th and 10th, '94.

Ithaca, Thursday and Friday, March 29th and 30th, '94.

Alma, Friday and Saturday, April 27th and 28th, '94.

Third grades granted at all examinations, but first and second grades only at the Ithaca examinations. Examinations for first and second grades will be given at nine o'clock p. m., and for third grades at one o'clock p. m., the first day. We would suggest that teachers residing in the central and western

part of the county wait and attend the Ithaca or Alma examinations.

W. M. COON,
J. N. McCALL,
O. G. TUTTLE,
Board of Examiners.

List of Patents.

Granted to Michigan inventors this week. Reported by C. A. Snow & Co., Solicitors of American and foreign patents, opp. U. S. patent office, Washington D. C.: T. Craney, Bay City, apparatus for purifying water; J. H. Fry, Grand Rapids, drafting table; E. C. Hargrave, Bay City, roasting logs; M. Harmon, Jackson, feed-water filter; L. C. Packham and C. L. Cline, Detroit, still-step; E. R. Taylor, Grand Rapids, dress stay; A. M. Todd, Kalamazoo, process of and apparatus for distilling and refining; N. M. Watson, Detroit, employee's time recorder; G. S. Wilson, Tecumseh, dust collector.

Truly Astonishing.—Miss Annette N. Moeen Fountain, Minn., says, "Ayer's Cherry Pectoral has had a wonderful effect in curing my brother's children of a severe and dangerous cold. It was truly astonishing how speedily they found relief after taking this preparation."

"Yes, sir, money talks; that is certain." "Biggs—Well, then, I'd like to hear a little something from that \$10 that you have of mine."